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## From the President

by Kimberly Douglas

Recently a membership fee increase had been suggested to the Executive Board, apparently due to the increase in Special Libraries Association dues to \$55.00. (Ed.'s note: see p. 5.) IAMSILIC dues stand currently at \$10.00 per year. What with inflation and budget cuts, particularly in the non-profit sector, people are more carefully considering the value of their memberships. It is indeed heartening to discover that there are IAMSILIC members who have found this organization to be so worthwhile to them that they'd like to invest more in its growth and productivity.

The Executive Board has discussed raising the dues. It is our consensus that before doing so, specific needs or goals should be identified that require more financial support from the membership. Thus we would also know how much an increase is necessary.

In the past two years the incoming membership fees have essentially covered the costs of printing and mailing the newsletters. However, we have also been carrying a balance of about \$1000 for the past few years. This year we will spend about \$200 of that by printing a membership/publicity brochure and by offering newsletter Regional Editors some financial help to cover the costs of contacting IAMSILIC members. At the present rate of membership payments, there are no funds coming in to replenish the coffers, once the \$1000 is spent.

Needs that the Executive Board recognizes are:

1. Printing of newsletter, brochures, etc., to add a professional appearance to the Associations products.
2. Letterhead stationery also to enhance IAMSILIC's image. This would be of particular use for correspondence relating to the annual conference.
3. An annually budgeted sum to help pay speaker fees for the conference. The conference has always paid for itself through the registration fees. However, more speakers are asking that their travel, room and board be paid by the hosts. Those of us who have planned conferences in the past have found that we cannot always get the best available speaker due to the necessity of keeping the registration fee low.
4. Support to projects such as the Membership Directory, Union List of Serials, Union List of Atlases, etc., if not for actual labor and compilation, then at least for printing and distribution.

Activities and obligations of this kind can only be funded from year to year if the dues are set at a level to cover the cost.

Therefore, we would like to bring the issue before the membership. Hopefully, we can engage in a discussion of this issue through the newsletter and especially at the annual business meeting in November at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. If you cannot be there but would like to voice an opinion, please feel free to contact me or anyone else on the Executive Board.

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## 1981 CONFERENCE 11-13 NOVEMBER SCRIPPS

See page 3 for a preliminary program.

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IAMSILIC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS 22 APRIL, 1981

by Alison Chesney, Secretary

The IAMSILIC Executive Board held a telephone conference on 22 April, 1981. President Kimberly Douglas presided; also participating were past-president Elizabeth Fuseler, president-elect Betty Sutherland, secretary Alison Chesney, and treasurer Kristen Metzger.

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Executive Board Meeting, continued

Kimberly reported that Carolyn Winn is completing the final editing of the new IAMSLIC membership directory. Final decisions on printing alternatives are still pending, but the directory is expected to be ready for distribution late this summer.

Non-profit status for the Association has not been granted yet. Kimberly relayed Marilyn Guin's message from March that there will be a 2 to 3 month wait before our non-profit status has final approval.

The Union List of Serials project, headed by Susan Barrick of VIMS, has hired a library assistant on the Sea Grant supporting the project. Kimberly said that Susan is presently working towards a grant renewal deadline of 1 June and does not expect cuts in their budget from Sea Grant. Susan plans to send serials list response forms to the membership by late summer or early fall. (See also p.4.-Ed.)

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Wilma Navazio, has told Kimberly that the Executive Board nominees for 1981-82 will be chosen before August, and their names with brief biographical sketches will be announced in the August newsletter.

Anna Oxley, head of the Special Projects Committee, has devised a list of evaluation procedures to be used by the Committee when reviewing grant applications. Kimberly will receive a copy of those procedures soon for the Board's approval.

The position of IAMSLIC historian/archivist was discussed. Kimberly will check on whether a permanent appointment has already been made for the position. This person is responsible for retaining permanent file copies of meeting programs and other memorabilia and documents of the Association.

Kristen gave the treasurer's report, and Betty reported there was a profit from last year's conference to add to the treasury. The IAMSLIC fiscal year is defined in the Bylaws as 1 October to 30 September. Memberships shall follow the same fiscal year. Recommendation was made to change the treasurer's term on the Board from one year to two years to assure some continuity. An amendment to the Bylaws is necessary to effect the change in term.

Betty presented the preliminary program for the 1981 conference, and the Board agreed with Betty's and Kimberly's recommendation that part of the profit from last year's conference be used to subsidize one of the workshop leaders, Charlene Smith.

Discussion concerning Executive Board meetings and minutes followed. There will be an official meeting of the new Executive Board immediately following the annual conference. The host librarian(s) for the next conference will be officially invited to attend by the president in writing before the annual conference begins. They will be asked to announce the dates for the next conference for the approval of the Executive Board.

The content and format of an information brochure for the Association was reviewed. The brochure will be enclosed with the August newsletter, and will include a membership form for new and renewing members. An increase in membership dues was discussed; any increase will be discussed by the membership at the 1981 conference. Dues before the conference will remain at \$10.00 for personal members and \$20.00 for institutional members per year. Procedures for maintaining membership records and the related responsibilities of treasurer, secretary, and the Membership Committee chairman were outlined.

Discussion concerning an official letterhead/logo for IAMSLIC followed. The Board agreed to hold a logo design contest among the membership, and offer a prize of \$25.00 to the winner. The contest announcement will appear in the May newsletter. (See page 3.-Ed.)

A suggestion to change the Association's name was unanimously opposed by the Board. Financial assistance of \$10.00 per year will be offered to those newsletter Regional Editors who require it.

Appointments to the positions of parliamentarian and Bylaws Committee chairman were discussed. Duties of the Bylaws chairman will be assumed by the office of past-president; Kimberly will contact members suggested for the parliamentarian position.

The Marine Science Institute of Port Aransas, Texas, has offered to host the 1983 conference; the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA, has invited IAMSLIC for our 1984 meeting. Both invitations were approved by the Board. Beth suggested that future conferences be scheduled no later than October to avoid conflict with holidays and the Board agreed.

Kimberly then asked for other business; there was none, and the meeting was adjourned.

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°°Incidentally, copies of the IAMSLIC Bylaws may be obtained from Alison S. R. Chesney, Librarian, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, P.O. Box 13687, Savannah, GA 31406.



# 1981 CONFERENCE

7th Annual IAMSLIC Conference, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA,  
11-13 November, 1981.

Theme: Accessing marine science information

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OUTLINE from Betty Sutherland, Programme Convenor

Tuesday, 10 November

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Meeting of the Maritime Industry and Academy Librarians  
- Beth Fuseler, convenor.

Evening Welcome reception.

Wednesday, 11 November

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Welcome.

8:45 - 12:00 noon Non-bibliographic databases--what there is and how to  
access them - Eric Marshall, convenor.

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch.

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Using your in-house computer facilities--what are IAMSLIC  
libraries doing? (Panel) - Norman Howden, convenor.

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Business meeting no. 1.

Thursday, 12 November

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. What do they really want--the library/user interface  
(Panel) - Sharon Thomson, convenor.

11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Accessing theses - Kimberly Douglas, convenor.

12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch.

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tours of Scripps, etc.

Evening Banquet and merry-making.

Friday, 13 November

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Business meeting no. 2.

10:00 a.m. - Choice of workshops:

4:30 p.m.

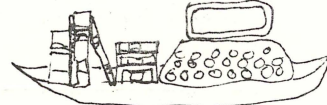
(with breaks  
for lunch and  
coffee)

A. Handling the stressful interview: appraisals,  
selection, etc. Charlene Smith (librarian and  
psychologist), leader.

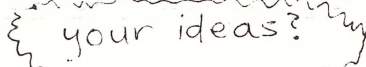
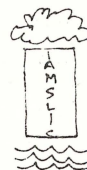
B. BIOSIS in-depth training session - Ann Farron  
(BIOSIS), leader.

Additional information will be included in the next newsletter.

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design a logo for IAMSLIC! for use on stationery, brochures,  
newsletter, and so on. send it to Kimberly Douglas,  
Librarian, Bigelow Lab for Ocean Sciences/Maine Dept. of  
Natural Resources, West Boothbay Harbor, ME 04575, by the  
first of October. winner will receive a prize of \$25.00 at  
the conference (winner need not be present). camera-ready  
copy on white paper; draw it larger than life and it will  
probably look better when reduced to the proper size. more  
information from Kristen Metzger, phone (305) 465-2400 ex.166



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Moving on...

Beth Fuseler is now Chief Librarian at the Bland Memorial Library, U.S. Merchant  
Marine Academy, King's Point, NY 10024. phone (516) 482-8200.

Judy Ashmore of the Marine Biological Laboratory Library has generously agreed to  
be IAMSLIC's next newsletter editor. More details on the last page...

Norman Howden, formerly a professor in the Library School at Louisiana State, has  
now become Program Director, Coastal Information Program, also at LSU.



# UNION LIST OF SERIALS IN MARINE SCIENCE LIBRARIES

by Janice Meadows and Susan Barrick  
Library, Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Underway at last, and none too soon: Sea Grant renewal proposals are due June 15. We hired a library assistant to work on the project and she began mid-April. Diane Walker is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Library Science (MLS, 1980). We are excited to be helping her start her career as a librarian and very pleased to have her assistance with the serials project.

VIMS' new computer has arrived and we are taking orientation classes to familiarize ourselves with its capabilities. We are also waiting to receive the documentation from the computer program used for the Virginia Union List of Biomedical Serials which we hope to use as a basis for our list.

A few of you have already sent in your own serials holdings lists. Now that we have Diane on the job, we're ready to receive the lists as soon as they are available. The format of the entries will be along the lines of the following:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1) Title of serial              | 4) Frequency of issue                       |
| 2) Place of publication         | 5) General information and historical notes |
| 3) Beginning or inclusive dates | 6) Holdings (ULS style)                     |

Please provide as much of this information as is readily available, but definitely include a detailed holdings statement. The more detail you can provide on the other information, the easier it will be for us to complete the list in the projected two-year period. If you wish to participate but are not yet prepared to submit a list, or if you would like more information about the project, please let us hear from you.

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## 1980 Conference: Texts of Talks Available

by Carolyn P. Winn, Research Librarian  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution  
Woods Hole, MA 02543

Full text copies of three presentations given at the Halifax meeting are available from me at the address above for the AESE/IAMSLIC Panel on the Economics of Publishing and Its Input on Libraries, October 21, 1980.

Speakers:

Fred Spilhaus - Executive Director, American Geophysical Union, Washington, D.C.

C. T. Bishop - Editor-in-chief, Research Journals, National Research Council,  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Robert Miranda - Senior vice-president for Journals, Pergamon Press, Inc.,  
Elmsford, NY.

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## Special Libraries Association Research Grants-in-Aid

Members and nonmembers of SLA who are special librarians with "worthy research projects" may apply for Research Grants-in-Aid, according to the March, 1981, Specialist (a newsletter sent to SLA members). Additional information and a suggested proposal outline form may be obtained from:

Fred W. Roper, Chairman  
SLA Research Committee  
School of Library Science, Manning Hall 026-A  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

marine visuals

Peter H. Spectre and George Putz have put together a Marine Art Clipbook for Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, NY, 1980, ISBN 0-442-25190-4, \$8.95. Similar to the Dover publications of the same ilk, this features many copyright-free drawings, prints, etc., which can be cut out and used as filler art. Up to 10 per project may be used with no permission sought. Past experience with these has shown that they can be very useful in a pinch.

The new IAMSILIC brochure will be distributed with the next newsletter, and will contain a membership renewal form for the year October, 1981 - September, 1982.



## REGIONAL NEWS

# CANADA

by Audrey Conroy, Regional Editor

### Council of Fisheries and Oceans Librarians

At the meeting of the Librarians from Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans held in Halifax on October 22-23, 1980, a Council of Fisheries and Oceans Librarians was established. The terms of reference of the Council plus a new directory of DFO libraries are available from the Chairperson, Ciuneas Boyle, Library Services, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6.

### Exchanges

At the October meeting each DFO library agreed to become a primary resource centre for the retention of exchange materials in designated subject areas from specific countries. These exchanges are maintained by the Scientific Information and Publications Branch, DFO, Ottawa. A memo detailing the primary resource centres and their responsibilities is also available from Ciuneas Boyle.

### Surplus Material

If you are interested in selected foreign materials that may be available as a result of this exchange agreement, please contact Audrey Conroy, Regional Library, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, P.O. Box 5667, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5X1. Audrey will also forward to requestors any outdated editions of the Union List of Scientific Serials in Canadian Libraries that she receives.

### FAO Decimal Classification for Fisheries

Gordon Miller, Library, Pacific Biological Station Library, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5K6, has available the fourth revision, February 1956, of an FAO Decimal Classification for Fisheries that was patterned after the Oxford Decimal Classification for Forestry. Please contact him if you wish to examine this and other schemes and thesauri he has gathered.

### APOA Depository Libraries

Both the library at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, P.O. Box 1006, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 4A2, and the one at the Institute of Ocean Sciences, Patricia Bay, Box 6000, Sidney, B.C. V8L 4B2, as well as the Ocean Engineering Information Center, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld. A1B 3X5, are depositories for microfiche copies of reports from the Arctic Petroleum Operators Association. Established in 1970, APOA is a non-profit association of 28 petroleum companies active in the Arctic. The reports include background environmental studies supportive of petroleum development. They are listed in the ASTIS bibliography available from the Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary, 2500 University Dr., N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, and on the ASTIS database from Q/L Systems.

### Letter to the editor

Although it may be a generally unpopular idea, I would like to submit the following:

I suggest the membership fee for IAMSLIC be raised from \$10.00 to \$20.00 or \$25.00 per year, for three reasons:

1. It would alleviate some of the Association's financial pinch.
2. It would permit payment of small honoraria to assist good speakers with travel expenses.
3. It would reflect the high standing of the organization. Low-fee groups tend to be regarded as trifling.

Although the suggested increase is a doubling (or more) of the present fee I don't think members would drop out. Most are working at professional salary levels and can probably afford it. There might be some yelping but the fee can be a tax deduction.

I have decided to drop SLA because it is easier to have a good working relationship with members of a small group than to be lost in a very large one. Others may feel similarly.

Yours very truly,

Ms. Sharon Thomson, Librarian  
Institute of Ocean Sciences  
P.O. Box 6000  
Sidney, B.C. V8L 4B2 Canada



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## from the editor

As was mentioned in the "moving on" section, Judy Ashmore will be taking over as newsletter editor. She and I will co-edit the August issue from Woods Hole, and then she will be on her own. I hope you will cooperate with her so that this newsletter can continue to serve as a means of communication among IAMSLIC members.

All correspondence regarding the August issue should be addressed to Judy:

Judy Ashmore  
IAMSLIC, c/o Library  
Marine Biological Laboratory  
Woods Hole, MA 02543  
phone (617) 548-3705

Please remember that the deadline date of 5 August means that the material for inclusion in the next issue must be in the hands of the editor by that date, so please send it to your Regional Editor before then. If you don't know who your Regional Editor is, or have mislaid her/his address, the information is given in the previous newsletter or can be obtained from any of the Association's officers.

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